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Charring Has Been Found to Be One of the Best of the Methods Devised.

A common method of treating fence posts to prevent decay where they go into the ground has been charring the butts. But now comes the forestry department of the Missouri college of agriculture with the results of experiments showing that although charcoal cannot rot, it does crack so badly that the little fungi that cause rot get through and shorten the life of the posts so treated.

Charring, the experimenters found, failed to lengthen the life of willow, cottonwood, ironwood, hackberry or basswood sufficiently to make them satisfactory post materials, and probably white walnut, hickory, white elm, sassafras and red bud are not helped much either, although tests with them have not been continued long enough to give the final results. Charring appeared to give much better results in cases of black walnut, river birch, oak, hedge, sugar maple, black locust, honey locust, Kentucky coffee tree, dogwood, black ash and catalpa. The sapwood of catalpa, hedge, black walnut and black locust was almost completely burned in charring.

With the failure of the charring methods as a preservative from rot, the college men have turned to the use of creosote to save fence posts from decay.—Country Gentleman.

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TRIBUTE TO COLLEGE MEN.

One of the finest recent tributes to the American college is to be found in an article written by an expert in salesmanship who has 160 men working under his direction. His theory is that "the most vital thing to a man is himself." Hence he wants as salesmen men who think most of their own success as sellers, and who will believe, with him, that "the primeval self is the controlling factor in most men."

Consequently, he says, he never employs college graduates. Why? Because, he explains, "the refined man is too apt to think of others, too liable to have had a big proportion of the selfishness worked out of him. For this reason I never look to college graduates." Nevertheless, there are college bred salesmen who have risen above the "primeval self" and who manage to get orders by thinking of buyers' rights as well as sellers' profits.—Christian Science Monitor.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION.

"Some philosophers say that objects which we call inanimate have thoughts and feelings."

"Maybe they have," rejoined Mr. Cumrox. "If such is the case the piano my daughter practices on is a mighty patient brute."

ALL SORTS.

"How's this—seven different styles of plug hats?"
"The line officers of our lodge. Each bought a plug hat the year he was elected."

IN CHARITY'S NAME.

Heiny—Don't you think Miss Hazel is passing fair?
Almea—Well, to tell you the truth, I think she is already past it.

ASKED AND ANSWERED.

"What is the easiest way to destroy weeds?" we asked.
"Marry the widow," answered the old farmer.

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